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SUBJ: MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC)

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1. SUMMARY: SWISS HAVE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND
INFO REGARDING IWC. SWISS PLAN TO DISCUSS IWC
WITH DELEGATES FROM HOST GOVTS OF INFO ADDRESSEES DURING
OCT PREPARATORY MEETING IN GENEVA FOR 1978
MEETING OF PARTIES TO ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION.
END SUMMARY.

2. DR ARMIN KAMER, CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS, FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT, HAS ASKED EMBASSY
TO CLARIFY STATUS OF SEPT 24, 1931 GENEVA
AGREEMENT ON WHALING WHICH IS STILL PART OF SWISS
LAW. KAMER SAID HE ASSUMES THAT 1946 WASHINGTON
INTERNATIONAL WHALING CONVENTION HAS REPLACED
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1931 TREATY, AS IS SUGGESTED IN ENCLOSURE TO
REF B. HOWEVER, SWISS WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
DEPT'S VIEWS ON STATUS OF 1931 TREATY.

3. KAMER SAID SWISS WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER
US HAD ASKED ITALY, PORTUGAL, IRELAND AND AUSTRIA
TO JOIN IWC. SWISS ARE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN US

UNDERSTANDING OF AUSTRIAN POSITION TOWARD IWC BECAUSE AUSTRIA PRESENTS CASE OF LAND-LOCKED, NON-WHALING COUNTRY SIMILAR TO SWITZERLAND. SWISS ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN ATTITUDES TOWARD IWC OF OTHER THREE, WHICH ARE FISHING COUNTRIES.

4. KAMER NOTED THAT THERE WILL BE HELD AT GENEVA IN OCT A MEETING OF PARTIES TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION IN PREPARATION FOR THE 1978 CONFERENCE OF PARTIES. HE SAID OCT MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY DR PETER GAFNER, SWISS VETERINARY OFFICE. SWITZERLAND IS PLANNING TO CONTACT GOVTS OF NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, WEST GERMANY AND SWEDEN TO ASK THAT THEIR DELEGATES BE PREPARED TO HOLD INFORMAL MEETING FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON IWC MEMBERSHIP DURING OCT MEETING IN GENEVA.

5. KAMER ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN US VIEWS ON JAPANESE AND SOVIET POSITIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES IN IWC.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE BASIS FOR RESPONSE TO KAMER ON TOPICS HE RAISED.ODELL

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